



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of **DeWitt et al**

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by substituting the following paragraphs. A marked-up copy of the paragraphs showing the amendments to the paragraphs is provided in Attachment A.

Page 27, the paragraph starting on line 16

An example of the verification of the mailing information is as follows.

a1. A piece of mail is printed with the address: John Doe, 1500 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 91103. The zipcode in the database shows that the zipcodes in Philadelphia start with 19 not 91. Therefore, the computer determines that an element of the scanned mailing information is incorrect for the piece, and the piece is rejected.

Page 44, the paragraph starting on line 7

a2. The apparatus 10 can also accommodate tall mail. For tall mail, the cameras 82, 102 do not necessarily need to be adjusted, since the mail is scanned lying front face up. However, it may be necessary to adjust the position of the printer